

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

My friend lay stricken sore, and at his side
Loudly my love and loyalty I cried:
Boasting of all that I would do and dare
For him whose welfare was my only care.

Yea, called High Heaven to witness if I lied;
And while I still protested my friend died.

Last night in dreams I watched two angels go
Through some fair garden that I seemed to know;
Burdened with blossoming, bowed every tree,
And murmured one: "If these but blossoms be,
Judge, when the moon of harvesting dips low,
How wonderful the perfect fruit must show."

To which the other, smiling, answered:
"Nay,
This is the Garden of Fair Words, men say;
A barren blossoming that may not give
Of any fruit that Love may eat and live."
And, smiling, both, they went upon their way.

But I awoke and hid my face from day.
—Theodosia Garrison, in *Ainslee's* for April.

Stacy—Watkins.

The engagement of Mr. Frank Eugene Stacy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Stacy, of this city, to Miss Lella Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Putnam Watkins, of Lynchburg, Va., has just been announced.

The wedding will be celebrated Wednesday, April 26th, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lynchburg. Miss Watkins is a beautiful girl, and one of this season's most popular debutantes. Mr. Stacy is in the employ of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, with headquarters at Norfolk, where, as in Richmond, he has many friends.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Kate Ashton Watkins, of Milton, N. C., announces the engagement of her daughter, Bette Peterson, to Mr. William Morris, of Durham, N. C. The wedding will take place in Milton, N. C., on the 18th of April.

After an extended bridal tour the young couple will make their future home in Durham, N. C.

A Famous Gavel.

The Rev. J. H. Light, of the Methodist Church of Fredericksburg, will, at the centennial session of the Baltimore Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which met at Winchester yesterday, present to the body a gavel in honor of the memory of Bishop Francis Asbury, who died at the home of Mr. George Arnold, in Spotsylvania county, in 1816. The handle of the gavel is made from a piece of timber from the house, and the head from a portion of the cypress casket in which Bishop Asbury was first interred in the old burying ground in Spotsylvania. Later his remains were taken to Baltimore and reinterred.

Personal Mention.

Miss Page Aylett Royall, who has been attending school at Chevy Chase during the winter, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Royall.

Mrs. Charles M. Blackford, of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. A. B. Camm, at 520 East Grace Street.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Morgan and Miss Hope Morgan are the guests of Mrs. E. T. Damm, in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Jordan Leake paid a short visit this week to the Misses Leake, in Ashland.

Mr. Hugh Russell is spending several days at his old home in Winchester.

Mr. Holmes Conrad, Jr., of Winchester, is in Richmond for a few days.

Miss Lizzie Wise is visiting Miss Ethel Parker, on Grove Street, Danville.

Mr. R. O. Bell is in Lynchburg for a short stay.

A called meeting of the Hope-Maury Chapter, U. D. C., of Norfolk, will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Pickett-Buchanan Hall, Norfolk, in honor of Captain James Barron Hope's birthday. At this time a paper on "The Life of Captain Hope" will be read by Miss Edna Hunter, and Miss Louise Tucker will recite one of his poems.

Mr. Lindsay Ferguson is the guest of friends in Danville.

Miss Emmie Wherry is the guest of Miss Kate Jamieson, Paxton Street, Danville.

Miss White, of Richmond, and Miss Mayo, of Norfolk, are among those attending a house party at "Edge Hill," Albemarle county, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Willis, of Alexandria, who have been visiting in Richmond, are now stopping at Ruddy's Cottage, Hampton, Va.

Miss Rita Stovall is the guest of friends in Newport News.

Mr. J. M. Wilkes is on a visit to his brother, Mr. Andrew Wilkes, of Thirty-second Street, Newport News, who is ill at the Newport News Hospital.

Mr. G. A. Merriott is spending a few days in Clifton Forge.

Mrs. H. H. Kerr, of Staunton, who is at St. Luke's hospital, continues to improve, and may return home the last of the week.

Prof. W. A. Bowles, of Staunton, is in Richmond for a few days.

Miss Mary Miller has returned to her home in Staunton after visiting Richmond, Baltimore and Washington.

Mr. Abner K. Fletcher, Jr., of Harrisonburg, is in Richmond to take the examination before the State Board of Pharmacy.

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POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Eliot Norton.

No. 450.

Raphael's Account of the Creation

By MILTON.

The portrait, signature and biographical sketch of Milton, together with other selections from his poems have already appeared in this series. To-day's poem is a selection from *Paradise Lost*, Milton's greatest work. Raphael was one of the arch angels.

HEAVEN opened wide
Her ever-during gates—harmonious sound—
On golden hinges moving, to let forth
The King of Glory, in his powerful Word
And Spirit, coming to create new worlds.
On heavenly ground they stood; and, from the shore
They viewed the vast, immeasurable abyss,
Outrageous as a sea, dark, wasteful, wild,
Up from the bottom turned by furious winds,
And surging waves, as mountains, to assault
Heaven's height, and with the center mix the pole.

"Let there be light," said God; and forthwith light
Ethereal, first of things, quintessence pure,
Sprung from the deep, and from her native east,
To journey through the airy gloom began,
Sphered in a radiant cloud; for yet the sun
Was not; she in a cloudy tabernacle
Sojourned the while. God saw the light was good,
And light from darkness, by the hemisphere,
Divided: light the day, and darkness night,
He named; thus was the first day even and morn;
Nor passed uncelebrated, nor unsung
By the celestial choirs, when orient light
Exhaled first from darkness they beheld;
Birthday of heaven and earth: with joy and shout
The hollow universal orb they filled,
And touched their golden harps, and hymning praised
God and his works; Creator him they sung,
Both when first evening was and when first morn.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1903. One is published each day.

burg, is visiting Mrs. A. B. Camm, No. 520 East Grace Street.

Hon. Hal Flood is spending some time in the city.

The meeting of the Continental Congress in Washington, D. C., on April 18th, promises to be extremely interesting. Mrs. Charles V. Varrault, Fairbanks, will retire from the presidency of the national organization and a number of names have been already suggested from the list of probable successors, chief among these are noted Mrs. Margaret B. P. Lippitt, of Rhode Island, and Mrs. Donald McLean, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cox will reside at 47 North Twenty-third Street, when they return from their bridal trip.

McClellan Council, Royal Arcanum, will hold a special meeting to-night at Lee Camp Hall via Virginia Council, several candidates will be on hand for initiation, which will bring the membership of the riding council over the five hundred mark, thereby entitling them to another representative to the Grand Council, which meets in this city in April.

Proceedings of the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday were:

National Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, et al. vs. State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics.

Partly argued by C. V. Merdith for appellants, and Samuel A. Anderson and Frank W. Christian for appellees, and continued.

Next case to be called are: Langston vs. Hazette and others.

People's National Bank of Lynchburg vs. Virginia Textile Company and others.

Triggs Company and others vs. Bueyus Company and others, being Nos. 79, 80 and 81 on argument docket.

Mary Marble as Nancy Brown.

Mary Marble comes back to this city for a stay of a week, beginning Monday, appearing in the bright musical comedy, "Nancy Brown."

The Baltimore Sun, noted for its conservatism, thus refers to the appearance of Miss Marble in this city: "Nancy Brown," the musical comedy which had a run of nearly an entire season at the Bijou Theatre, New York, and which has pleased wherever presented, is the attraction this week at the Auditorium, where it was given last night.

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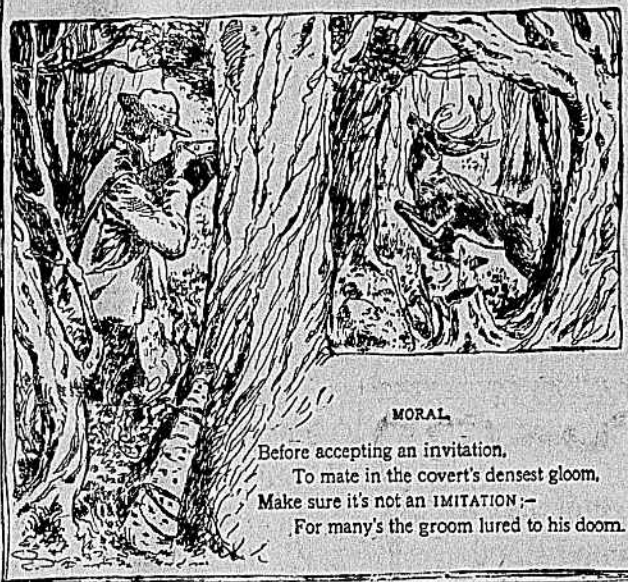
By LYMAN F. GEORGE.

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THE YEARNING BUCK.

An antlered Buck waded into a pool,
Pulling and munching pink lilies cool.
Thro' a birch-bark trumpet the hunter moaned,
And the resonant bellow boomed thro' the wood.

"'Tis the voice of my mate!" cried the deer with a rush:
As he dashed and crashed thro' the underbrush—
To this forest denizen, it was no benison—
Soon wily huntsman was dining on venison.



MORAL.

Before accepting an invitation,
To mate in the covert's densest gloom,
Make sure it's not an IMITATION—
For many's the groom lured to his doom.

FAIRMOUNT NEWS.

Mr. J. T. Creery has returned from a delightful visit to Grafton, Va., where he went as a delegate to the convention of the Woodmen of the World.

Mrs. C. W. Pollard's Circle will meet to-night at 8 o'clock in her home, No. 1208 North Twentieth Street.

The pictorial lecture, "Driven From Home," given by Professor Maurice at the Baptist Church, Friday night, was a thorough success.

This house was crowded to overflowing, many persons being unable to gain admission.

Miss Lena Beadles and children, of Portsmouth, Va., are visiting relatives and friends in Fairmount.

Mrs. William Henry Mitchell, who has been confined to her home several weeks by sickness, continues quite sick.

Misses Pearl Wilson and Eva Herndon, of Lynchburg, were the guests of Miss Mabel Pollard last week.

Mr. James H. Rainey, of Petersburg, visited his brother, J. W. Rainey, this week.

Mr. George Warrington and little daughter, "Grace and Louise, who have been the guests of Captain and Mrs. W. C. Thomas, have returned to their home in Caroline county.

Mrs. Minnie Johnson and her little daughter, Lena Larkin, who moved to Blacksburg, about two weeks ago, have returned to Fairmount to reside in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Beadles and Master Hattie have returned to their home in Henric, after a delightful visit to Rev. H. B. Beadles, father of the former.

Miss Linda Beadles and a child of several months to take home her little nephew, Rodney Lester, who has been under treatment at the Henric hospital.

Several months for infantile paralysis. The little fellow is only slightly improved.

Mr. George Vail, of Hanover county, was the guest of relatives here during the past week.

Mrs. Lyzotte has returned home after a very pleasant visit to friends in Petersburg, her former home.

The Holter-Creery Circle will meet to-night in the home of Mrs. Rainey's Circle.

The ladies of Mrs. Rainey's Circle met in her home Tuesday evening to discuss ways and means by which to raise money for the improvement fund of the parsonage. They decided to hold a rummage sale beginning March 20th, to be held at the home of Mrs. Rainey.

The following ladies were present: Misses Maude McKim, Nanette Allen, Margaret Jones, Laura Langford, Mary Woodfin, R. P. Scott, Willie Ozenham, Mary Lawrence, Lillian Brown, Mary McDowell, Annie Miller and J. T. Creery.

Feeless Council, Daughters of Liberty, held an interesting meeting Monday night in their hall on Howard street. The meeting was one of the largest ever held, many new members were present for the first time. Several applications were made by new candidates, and several old members who are anxious to be reinstated.

Master Charles Lansing Dubuque, Jr., has returned to his home on Second Avenue after spending several weeks with relatives in Richmond.

Master Richard Haller is now able to be out after being confined to the house for several days by sickness.

Charles W. Vaughan, Jr., has returned home after spending several days in Powhatan

county. Mrs. E. A. Yarbrough, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is improving.

Mrs. John Divine, of Highland Park, who has been confined to the house by sickness for some time, is improving.

The Young Men's Society are making preparations for an entertainment to be given at the Northside Hall April 8th.

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United States Manager—SAMUEL APPLETON.
Incorporated—OCTOBER 1, 1886.
Commenced Business—APRIL 1, 1887.
Principal office in United States—71 KILBY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

CAPITAL.
Amount of capital paid up in cash.....\$3,000,000 00
Amount of capital subscribed, but unpaid in England.....750,000 00
Amount of net ledger assets, December 31st of previous year.....\$1,095,567 88

INCOME.				
	Accident.	Employers' Liability.	Health.	Fidelity.
Gross premiums unpaid December 31st, last year.....	\$ 50,068 02	\$ 355,085 64	\$ 6,580 24	\$ 5,468 85
Gross premiums on risks written and renewed during the year.....	208,688 81	2,080,646 00	55,737 43	71,643 76
Total.....	\$258,756 83	\$2,435,732 67	\$62,327 67	\$77,112 61
Deduct gross premiums in course of collection at this date.....	60,205 00	355,003 03	5,022 67	4,350 88
Entire premiums collected during the year.....	\$204,427 14	\$2,078,329 54	\$50,404 10	\$72,761 73
Deduct reinsurance, abatement rate and return premium.....	61,528 54	206,116 15	11,721 64	10,065 48
Net cash actually received for premiums (carried out).....	232,898 60	1,872,213 39	44,682 46	62,696 25
Interest upon debts due the company.....			\$68,048 23	901 65
Total interest and rents.....				60,008 20
Profit on ledger assets actually sold during the year, over cost.....				1,497 60
Total income actually received during the year, in cash.....				\$2,214,092 52
Aggregate last balance and income.....				\$1,209,680 38

DISBURSEMENTS.				
	Accident.	Employers' Liability.	Health.	Fidelity.
Gross amount paid for matured claims other than weekly indemnity.....	\$ 41,618 03	\$61,432 84		\$10,454 37
Gross amount paid for weekly indemnity.....	101,550 52		\$20,220 58	
Other periodic indemnity.....				
Total.....	\$143,168 55	\$61,432 84	\$20,220 58	\$10,454 37
Deduct reinsurance and salvage including recoveries on account of losses previously paid.....	11,712 81	176 81	678 57	
Total disbursements.....	\$131,455 74	\$61,256 03	\$20,899 15	\$10,454 37
Net paid policyholders.....				\$ 848,700 03
Cost of adjustment and legal expenses in settlement of claims.....				\$181,042 73
Remitted to home office.....				268,829 05
Commission to agents.....				14,830 00
Salaries, traveling and other expenses of agents and agencies not on commission account.....				25,385 76
Insurance.....				40,450 63
Salaries and all other compensation of officers, \$17,061.27, and home office employees, \$23,880.00.....				42,941 27
Taxes on premiums, \$34,192.67; insurance department fees and Agents' licenses, \$7,208.00; Municipal licenses, \$830.16.....				20,060 40
Rent.....				9,369 58
Advertising, \$3,078.21, and general printing and stationery, \$10,511.44.....				21,525 81
Furniture.....				211 60
Losses on ledger assets actually sold under cost.....				
All other items, viz: Bad debts, \$1,002.00; Postage, express and telegraph, etc., \$14,655.21.....				10,557 81
Total miscellaneous expenses.....				\$1,127,462 93
Total disbursements.....				\$1,970,171 09
Balance.....				\$2,233,488 40

ASSETS.		
Cost value of bonds and stocks owned absolutely.....		\$2,152,077 20
Unearned portion.....		1,890 00
Cash deposited in bank.....		447 85
Cash deposited with trustees, Kidder, Peabody & Co.....		80,288 01
Total.....		\$2,233,488 40
Less agents' credit balances.....		\$2,233,488 40

NON-LEDGER ASSETS.		
Interest due and accrued on bonds and stocks.....		\$ 15,370 03
Premiums not over three months due in course of collection less commissions.....		208,030 20
Total.....		\$2,248,897 72
Depreciation from book value of above ledger assets to bring same to market value.....		16,713 65
Total.....		\$2,232,184 17

LIABILITIES.				
	In process of adjustment.	Resisted by com. policyholders on their own account.	Estimated expenses incident to settlements.	
Accident.....	\$12,320 00	\$ 23,840 00		\$36,160 00
Employers' Liability.....	20,830 00			20,830 00
Health.....	3,700 00			3,700 00
Fidelity.....	5,210 00			